issued on 15.2.1997, superseding the previous guidelines. A copy of the revised guidelines has been issued to all the Hon'ble Members of Parliament.

(c) The budget provision for the Scheme in the current year is Rs. 790.00 crores.

(d) and (e) An aggregate amount of Rs. 775.50 crores has been released so far for the year 1996-97. There was no significant avoidable delay.

Energy Conservation Programme

2823. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have been laying stress on energy conservation;

(b) if so, the States and Union Territories where energy savings drive has been launched; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to achieve success in implementing the above objectives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The agencies engaged in the area of energy conservation are carrying out Energy Conservation Programmes in almost all the States and Union territories.

(c) The strategy of the Government for conservation of power inter alia includes :

- awareness, education and training;
- support for energy audits, and research/ demonstration projects;
- fixing and promoting energy efficiency standards for electrical appliances;
- formulating energy consumption norms for various energy intensive sectors;
- fiscal and financial incentives;
- institutional and organisational arrangements;
- strengthening the data/information base on energy consumption and efficiency improvements;
- reduction of transmission and distribution losses.

Migration from Kashmir Valley

2824. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of large scale migration of people belonging to a particular religion from Kashmir Valley to Jammu region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (c) In the wake of the targetted attacks by the militants against innocent civilians, particularly the Kashmiri Pandit community, in the initial years of militancy, a vast majority of the Kashmiri Pandits and a sizeable number of other minorities had left the Kashmir Valley and migrated to the Jammu region of the State as also to other parts of the country. 26933 families of Kashmiri migrants have been registered in Jammu. These migrants are being given cash relief, ration and other facilities by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir. These migrants include migrant State Government employees. The State Government employees who could not be adjusted against posts in the Ladakh or Jammu region are being given leave salary without doing any work. After the installation of the popular Government process for there return is likely to start and the State Government is preparing an action plan for the return of the migrants which may take some time as the matter has to be tackled on a politico-economic basis. Meanwhile, the migrants will continue to get the benefits being given.

ISI Activities

2825. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Islamic militants too seek a separate State" appearing in the 'Sunday Observer of Business and Politics', New Delhi dated January 19-25, 1997;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government have reports that meetings between Pak ISI functionaries and anti-national elements have been taking place from time to time. Government have taken several steps which include gearing up of intelligence machinery, border fencing, intensification of border patrolling, supply of equipments for effective observation during day and night, increase in number of Nakas as well as sensitinsing and alerting the State Government regarding movement of Pak ISI agents, anti-national elements and insurgents. In addition, Government have been continuously appraising friendly countries about the continuous support in terms of equipment, arms and training given by Pakistan to terrorists in India. It has been made clear that the Government is committed to